

U ANORAKS

WEEKLY REPORT

P.O. BOX 539
BLACKPOOL

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Back to our normal size this week, although we have kept the type small, as there appears to be plenty of news around, and lots of letters in, all full of news and info., for which we should like to thank you. One correspondent in the week asked why we did not feature more London land-based news. The answer to this is quite simple, a. we cannot receive them and b. no one has yet come forward with an offer to log these stations weekly, as has happened in other areas. So, if you are in the London area, and have a little time to spare, why not send the odd log or two, now and again, and we can print them for the benefit of others who are interested.

NOVA.

After last week's opening paragraph, I am pleased to say that I am not left with 'egg on face', well, not a lot anyway. The adverts for the AM Stereo continued throughout the Monday, indicating that it was coming soon on Nova. Eventually, the adverts started to mention that the stereo would commence at three in the afternoon. The fact that this was after mid-day, normally the time when April Fool jokes cease, made me wonder what they might be up to. As it got nearer to three, the excitement began to build up, and we were all told to have two radios at hand, about six feet apart would be ideal they said. Then we were told at three, we must tune one to 737khz., and the other to 739khz. Still nonsense, we all thought here (but just in case, we did have two radios just at reach). The three o'clock news arrived as normal with Mark Weller, and then things started to sound a bit wierd, sort of echo-ey and phasing. At this point, I lost my presence of mind and switched on the other set! And there we sat, almost convinced we could hear something, well, we could, the Nova technicians, fiddling with echo and what have you. 'AM STEREO' they announced, and played a record, which sounded very normal, 'and now an announcement from our engineers about it all' said Tony McKenzie. 'April Fool, Wa-ha-ha' they chirped.

It came as a relief later to hear that we were not the only ones with two radios at the ready, quite a few had done the same.

A number of correspondents had been taken in by the adverts and really thought that it was for real. Dave Maynard of Telford wrote in to say that AM stereo was possible (if he had read WR closer, he would have seen that we said this), but not on 1st April 1985 on Nova! Dave goes on to say that anyone wanting information on this mode, should write to.....Dick Harasek at Motorola Special Products, 1244½ Remington Road, Schaumburg, Illinois, 60195, U.S.A. Tel.... (312) 576 3591. And so ends another 1st April for another year.

The station has been relatively trouble free transmission-wise this week, apart from this afternoon, when the 738khz. transmitter wandered down band at about 2pm, went off, leaving carrier only, then went off altogether. It returned normally about one hour later. Since the change over to BST, the 50kw t/x is now switched on at about 6.30am until about 8pm.

The "what did Bob Gallico say" competition, whilst not underway as yet, continues to hot up. The latest is a number of large outdoor poster sites in North West England and Wales, two in Blackpool, which will appear soon with the cartoon characters on them.

One prestige advert was noted from mid week, the on the hour, up to the news advert, this new one featured the First National Building Society who have one hundred and odd branches in Ireland.

The station has sounded much fresher of late, a bit like Laser, if you will, which is not too bad a thing. They even had an advert in the week for 'Sixties Weekend' which duly took place today, and presumably tomorrow as well. Talking about oldies, I think the best show of the week without doubt, is the first hour of the Peter Madison Show, between 6am and 7am., on Saturday and Sunday. Despite the ungodly hour, I try and make a point of listening, and so do others according to a number of letters in during the week.

Steve Gordon failed to appear for his show on both Thursday and Friday between 9am and 10am. The reason is not yet known, but John Clarke filled in for him.

The American Band Aid record was played at 4.50pm., yesterday, in line with a large number of other radio stations throughout the world.

Finally on Nova, a tribute to Radio Caroline was paid at 7.30am this morning, when mention was made of several ex-Caroline people still in Ireland. The tune of the same name by the Fortunes was then played.

SUNSHINE RADIO.

Whilst not on very high power, the recent improvement in radio conditions has meant that more people in the U.K. can now receive this station once again. Their present line-up is as follows.....6am., Pat Courteney, 9am., Robbie Dale, mid-day, Cathy Cregan, 3pm., Mark Byrne, 6pm., David Denehy, 9pm., Paul Kavanagh, mid-night, Paul Vincent. Weekend presenters include.....Greg Merriman, Bil McGloughlin, Roger Lane, Barry Falvey, Declan King, Tony King and Kieran Ryan.

News team presenters include....Cathy Cregan, Padraig McGarry, Bob Power, Stephen Fogerty, Gary Miley and Caroline Callaghan.

The odd mention was noted in the week, of Caroline's 21st Birthday, which is not surprising really, in view of Robbie Dale being the owner.

ABC RADIO, 4 Arundel Square, Waterford City.

This station can be received rather well here on 1026khz., despite Downtown Radio from Belfast on the same channel. The short wave transmissions have not been noted, but this is due to unusual conditions on short-wave just at present, as I understand that they are on as normal.

The recent jamming of ABC was found to be emanating from Community Radio Wexford, who for some strange reason, decided to broadcast on 101.1mhz.(ABC's frequ.), and refused to move. ABC had to move slightly to 100.9mhz., to avoid problems with the two signals.

The ABC line-up is as follows.....7am., Richard Staines, 10am., Dave Hunt, 1pm., Timmy Ryan, 4pm., Tony Morrell, 7pm., Roddy Clear, 10pm., Jimmy Ryan with the ultra laid back, "Late Night Affair", 1am., James Day with "Night-shift", 4am., Neil Butler.

News is read by local girl, Maria Cuzack.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS.

Still in Waterford City, Waterford Local Radio must have increased power recently, as we continue to receive reports of people receiving this station in the U.K.

In nearby Wexford, Community Radio Wexford, as mentioned above, are back on the air, on 101.1mhz., and 1008khz. The latter quite audible here, despite Hilversum on the same channel.

Boyneside Radio were off for a short spell recently and Radio ERI from Cork were received loud and clear. Paul Graham from Leicester reports hearing Siobhan Walls(ex Sunshine and South Coast Radio) last night, and tells us that Hugh Brown has swapped slots with Liam Quigley. Hugh has been on the breakfast show for a long time now, and Liam did the late night show, up to mid-night.

No other news is forthcoming from Cork, or from Limerick, or Trallee, or Ennis, so, if anything is happening there, let us know.

Radio Carousel, broadcasting to Northern Ireland, on 1071khz., returned in the week. A whistle on the channel made us check things, and we found that they were broadcasting on the off-channel frequency of nearer 1069khz., causing it to heterodyne with the French station on 1071khz. Maybe Kieran Murray can report this to station boss Hugh Hardy, who may be unaware.

Wicklow Community Radio's signal on 1602khz., was rather poor in the week, with pretty awful modulation. This has improved slightly, but is not a patch on what it was when it was on 1512khz. We are still not convinced that the blank carrier on this channel(1602) noted a few weeks ago, and mentioned in WR, was Wicklow. The signal strength meter on our set at that time was far in excess of what Wicklow is putting on it now.

Boyneside Radio, who now have a relay in Dublin, on 1116khz., which causes a few problems to anyone there, who may wish to listen to Carousel in Dundalk, have moved, to 1224khz. This move was noted on Saturday, but the relay had gone altogether by Sunday.

Radio Dublin still relays World Music Radio on short wave(SW is still on, by the way, according to a presenter a couple of days ago on medium wave). It also relays a couple of religious programmes, like the offshore pirates used to air.

Finally in Ireland, test transmissions were noted on Wednesday last, on 981khz. 304m. The station was to come on the air properly, on Sunday(today) at 11am., which it duly did. The name of the station was to be "Home Town Radio"(Home Town may be one word), and it was to be found at Upper Main Street, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan...Tel. (042) 40869. Programmes would run daily from 9am till 6pm. The signal and modulation were very good, and we must point out that the test transmissions were also very good, with the announcer being very explicit about everything that was going on and it's location. We, of course, wish them every success.

THE VOICE OF PEACE.

As expected, lots of news from that quarter this week. A telephone call from station owner, Abie Nathan in the week, informed us that they were desperate for a transmission engineer, following the declination of Bob Noakes to join the team. An advert was placed on Radio Nova's "Job Spot" for same. Some takers were received, but it is not yet known if the vacancy is filled, so, if you are a qualified transmitter engineer, and would like to work on this station, call Carl Kingston on 0482 42169, quoting WR and Barrie Johnston.

Present line-up on the ship is as follows.....6am., Dave Asher with "Breakfast Show", 9am., Chris Taylor with "Morning Music", mid-day, Grant Goddard with "Afternoon Delight", 3pm., Kassach music, 4pm., Paul Rogers with "Drive-Time", 6pm., Twilight Time, 7.30pm., Classical, 9pm., International Showcase, mid-night, Mark Edwards, 3am., Paul Rogers.

The station was off the air, in Ashdod for a few days recently to effect some repairs. In line with other pirate ships, VOP is expecting a lady DJ called Sally soon. 26th March saw Daevid Fortune return to the ship to take over as station controller. Both Paul Rogers and Chris Taylor intend to stay longer than their six month contract, so conditions must be quite good out there, or is it the weather? It also appears that the station is gaining an awful lot of listeners with the new music policy. The adverts are improving also.

CAROLINE.

Chief logger for AUK, Albert E. Ford, reports that Fergie McNeil has gone off, and been replaced by Susan Charles, once again. Her first show was last Sunday, at 10pm. and she has been on at this time nightly since.

The station celebrated its 21st Birthday again today. The output from same has made compelling listening. John Lewis appeared mid afternoon with his irresistible style, and appears to have entered the record books again. Not only has he been on more or less continuously since August 13th last year(he took a couple of breaks of two or three days only on land), he has now been on the air more or less, continuously since three something this afternoon, and it is now going on for mid-night! He has played some noteworthy extracts. I am sure all WR readers will have been listening, but if they missed it, we have the whole day taped, just contact us.

LASER.

Not a lot of news to report from this station, apart from the fact that they seem to be confused with the clocks altering.

Many good wishes have passed over the air-waves to Caroline on her 21st. They were invited over today, but due to the severe weather conditions were unable to get there. As it was, one trip did make it, but during the day, Caroline were heard to request people not to come out in the Force 8 conditions. It appeared to calm down later.

The station's signal does appear to vary rather a lot. One night, it can be loud and clear, the next, inaudible.

The girlie magazine "Just Seventeen" carried a superb article on Charlie Wolfe(who appears to be off the ship just now), in their 3rd April edition. It was featured in the "Welcome to the Working Week" slot and was entitled " You're never more than a minute away from a crisis on Laser 558" and featured a week in the life of Charlie.

Whilst still with the ships, "Broadcast" in their supplement, "Technology International" feature an article called "Foresight". It is Richard Elan's opinion column which discusses the shackles which bind British radio, and how the pirates are shaking things up yet again. This is one of the finest articles I have seen about radio in Britain, and whilst I cannot produce the report here, due to copyright, I will on receipt of an SAE and 10p, gladly supply the photocopied article, by return. This also applies to the Charlie Wolfe article above.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. London, first, following the recent raids, Solar's court case is expected to take place on Tuesday 9th April.

Manchester, KFM returned on 1017khz., with test transmissions in the week. The station re-commenced normal 24 hours programming on Saturday last. The signal was good, but not quite as good as it had been the previous Saturday, on tests. The previous address was given out, and FM was reported to have been mentioned. We now await. The station did a tribute to Radio Caroline.

Liverpool, lots of action here, KISS FM(on 102.85mhz., normally) was reported on 1431 khz., on 23rd March, by Ian Iredale. Central Radio were noted testing in the week, on 1404khz. The station returned with normal programmes on Saturday. The address was given out as, 30 Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool, L11 2DT. Radio merseywaves were noted both Saturday and Sunday on 1242khz. John Hope reports that Radio Active were heard on 1611khz., 186m. Also that Storeton Community Radio were noted in the week. I can also confirm this, as we picked them up also. Tim Jackson tells us they were on again at the weekend, but with very low power.

Finally, Dave Small reports that E.S.T. were noted today on 103.75mhz. from Wolverhampton, and Radio WX from Stafford on 106.4mhz. This station had been featured in the Stafford free sheet, "News Letter" (copies not available). No stations were logged from Shropshire.

Finally (again), Radio Wyvern have found a new scape-goat to blame for their ever-increasing losses. Following the closure of pirate station, Sunshine Radio, Wyvern have now taken it upon them to blame new station BBC Radio Shropshire for losses in revenue. They say the new station have blocked their transmissions on FM to Kidderminster, although the latter is out of their area. Wyvern broadcast on 96.2 and Shropshire on 96.0mhz. The latter goes on the air on 23rd April 1985. The report can be found in the Wolverhampton Express and Star(copies available).

Finally, Radio Viking in Hull did a tribute to Radio 270 tonight at 7.28pm. It was an excellent half-hour. If anyone wants a recording of same, send a C.60 plus SAE with it, and a copy will be forwarded at high speed.

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS.

In the week, the following stations have been heard.....Radio Nova 4 by Podney in Cornwall, on 23rd March 1985 on 6202khz. Spectrum world Broadcasting were logged by Sandy at 1145BST, on 6240khz., Friday last. Radio Tonair were received here on 6238khz., on Friday last at 1745bst.

SHORT-WAVE LOG for Sunday 7th April 1985.

Today's logs by ourselves(1), Glen Hocking, Cornwall(2), Dave Small(Cannock)(3), Ken Baird, Ayr(4), Ian Biggar, Kilbirnie(5), Paul Graham, Leicester(6) and Sandy Mountain, Blackpool(7).

6200khz...At 1007gmt., Falcon Radio with Peter Moss(All).

6200khz...At 1325gmt., W.M.R., relaying Boyneside Radio, Ireland.(3).

6206khz...At various times, Radio Delmare, relaying C.L.C.G. and F.R.S. Holland(All).

6231khz...At 1006gmt., Radio East Coast Commercial, with Norman Nelson.(All).

6238khz...At 1003gmt., Radio Atlantis S.W. with a very strong signal spluttering down and up the band(All).

6240khz...At 0840gmt., Radio Arena(2,3).

6240khz...At 1350gmt., Radio Pluto calling CQ(2).

6240khz...At 1403gmt., Radio Apollo QSOing(").

6242khz...At 1050gmt., Radio Tonair(all).

6265khz...At 1031gmt., Radio Apollo(All).

6274khz...At 1013gmt., Radio Ridiculous Int.(all except 5).

6280khz...At 1045gmt., Westside Radio Int.(2,3, and 6).

6300khz...At 1230gmt., UNID(3).

6310khz...At 1010gmt., The Voice of the Leek, an old recording relayed by persons unknown(All).

6543khz...At 1104gmt., Radio Bluebird Int.(2).

6910khz...At 0855gmt., Radio Dublin(2 & 3).

7310khz...At 0905gmt., Radio Bavaria(2,3 and 6).

7315khz...At 0907gmt., UNID(2 & 6).

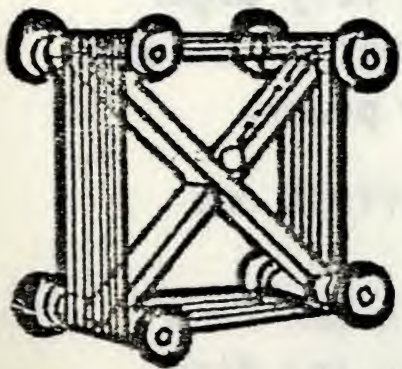
7320khz...At 0857gmt., UNID(2).

7338khz...At 1116gmt., Radio Waves(all, except 5 & 6).

7348khz...At 0944gmt., UNID, Dutch, in English, Radio North.....?(2).

7375khz...At 1000gmt., UNID.(3).

7410khz...At 0955gmt., UNID(1 & 4).



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14th APRIL 1985.

Many thanks for all the letters this week, especially the ones with info of course, but also the ones giving their comments on a Northern Convention. It appears that everyone thinks it is a good idea, so, we intend to give it a lot of consideration. Whilst on this topic, a couple of correspondents in Leicester would like to form a sort of branch of the CM Movement, and anyone interested in meeting up and discussing the subject should ring either of these two Leicester numbers....Hinckley 632383, and ask for David, or Hinckley 38019 and ask for Stewart. There are plenty of active Anoraks in and around Leicester, so it could work out quite well.

Abie Nathan tells me that he is now desperate for a transmitter engineer, and if anyone feels he could handle a large transmitter, whilst working in a most pleasant climate, on the Voice of Peace, please get in touch with us at the above address at high speed.

NOVA. Yet more info on AM Stereo has come to hand, this time from Roger Bunney of Romsey, Hants., who informs us that AM Stereo is active in Australia. Both Sydney stations, 2UW and 2CH are using the KAHN/HAZELTINE system, which uses an independent sideband method, which requires two radios, neither of which need be anything other than standard, un-modified. One radio is tuned slightly high of the nominal carrier(RH), and the other slightly low(LH). There are over 100 KAHN coded stations in operation in the U.S. and Canada. The other three AM Stereo systems require decoders. The Motorola system is not compatible with sky wave conditions, the centre(the announcer), moves from left to right in fading conditions. AM Stereo became official in Australia on 1st February 1985.

The station has had a quite trouble free week all round. Easter Monday continued as the Sunday, in that every other record was from the sixties. Normal programmes returned on the Tuesday, of course.

The 'what did Bob Gallico say' competition has still to start, but further developments are noted.....large bill boards around the towns of the North West of Britain have started to appear. They are of the very large type. One has been noted in a very prominent place in Blackpool, and I understand that they are others in the town, but as yet, the exact locations have not been noted. The actual poster is a lot of cartoon drawings of all the Nova team, most D.J.'s are included, the odd one is missing for some reason, and out of their mouths is drawn a bubble in which is written that particular person's most common saying. For example, Colm Hayes's says 'what time is it'. Two main cartoons in the centre feature Bob Gallico and John Clarke, and their bubbles remain empty. Obviously, when the competition starts, it will be the best two captions sent in, who will win the Opel car. No further details of this major competition are yet at hand, but it is understood that the next stage will be announced tomorrow.

Finally on Nova, conspicuous by his absence, Hugh O'Brien. This presenter has not yet re-appeared since his holidays several weeks back.

Q 102. Whilst not listening to this station as much as Nova in the past week(due to bad FM reception conditions), it was noted however, that Breakfast presenter Chris Barry was missing. No further details are yet available as to the reason for this. The station appears to have got into the sponsored racing team business, like Nova, although with motorbikes, I understand.

SUNSHINE RADIO. Yesterday saw the now famous Central Remedial Clinic 'Auction on the Air', which is held every year after Easter to raise money for the clinic. The latest figure raised to hand, is in excess of thirty thousand pounds, I understand. I will print the exact figure next week, as lots of money seems to roll in long after the event is over. All the usual articles were offered for grabs, and one or two very amusing ones too.

Martin King has now left the station and is working once again, in Teneriffe, and who can blame him, with the weather we have had.

Finally with Sunshine, a correspondent in the week asked why Sunshine's output power is so low nowadays. 800 watts is the approximate figure I believe. This station is very eager to obtain a community broadcasting license, and beaming a massive signal into the United Kingdom is not the way to go about this, thinks station owner Robbie Dale, hence the lower power.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS.

It seems to be a question of musical chairs this week with first one station on then another off, and so on. Where to start.....

Radio Annabel made one or two brief appearances in the week on 1323khz. It is not known from where these tests were made, but it is thought not to be from the new Silver Blades Ice Rink at Phibsboro, as the deal with that organisation was thought to have fallen through.

Dun Laoghaire Local Radio was heard loud and clear here on Easter Monday, on 963khz., despite Radio Monique also on the same channel. A quick turn of the loop aerial brought up whichever. This station broadcasts on Friday nights as Dublin AM No.1 and on Saturday and Sundays as the above, from South Dublin, not far away from where Southside Radio at the Hotel Victor came from. They also broadcast on 96.3mhz FM. in stereo. The medium wave power is understood to be about 120 watts. The station has had one or two changes in names over the years, but has always appeared regularly at weekends.

Centre Radio, due on air on 1st April, finally made it on FM only. The station can be received in Dublin on 93.7mhz., following tests on 96.7mhz. It is understood to originate from the Sallynoggin area of South Dublin. A low powered medium wave transmitter is required, and, if anyone should happen to have one for sale, please contact the station via P.O. Box 1190, Dublin 10, to arrange details.

WQXI are testing on 106.5mhz., from Churchtown, Dublin, with numerous harmonic problems, as are 'FM 106' on 106.1mhz.

A quick listen to Big 'M' Radio from Castleblayney in the week, revealed that this border station intend to branch into FM, on 103.5mhz., very shortly.

Boyneside Radio's relay transmitters seem to be off and on a lot this week, 1224 and 1260khz., have both been missing on occasions.

Carousel's 1071khz., relay seems to suffer from the same problem (apart from being slightly off-channel, although I am sure this will soon be sorted out).

Breffni Radio in Co. Cavan, and Midland Radio in Longford are both missing again, and it appears that both may have closed down, although the reasons for this are not yet known.

A report in from Galway indicates that the new station W.L.S. Music Radio is now well ahead of Atlantic Sound, which is not surprising really, since nearly all the staff of Atlantic have joined W.L.S. The latter broadcasts on 846khz., with low power just yet, and 104mhz., FM.

OFFSHORE STATIONS...THE VOICE OF PEACE.

Not much from that quarter this week, apart from the news that a new lady D.J. is now on her way there. Her name is Sally Cahm, and I am sure that the lads will be delighted..

CAROLINE.

Last week's marathon programme by John Lewis lasted until 1.00am., when Fiona Jeffries took over. It must rate as one of the finest free radio programmes in a long while. We were treated to all sorts of extracts, even Radio Nova, South Coast Radio and others from Ireland. I was not the only one who enjoyed the show, according to letters in during the week. The lad must have been all in, for the next morning, Simon Barrett reported that John had left for a short break ashore, his first major break except for the odd couple of days, since 13th August last year. (only Raffles the dog has been on longer). I understand John is taking a holiday at the seaside, well away from ships and turntables. No further presenters have as yet arrived and the extra slot is being covered by Simon Barrett, who is presently doing two shows a day.

The Ipswich Evening Star of Saturday 30th March carried a full page article on the Coming of Age of Radio Caroline, complete with pictures. It covered the major incidents over the station's 21 years. It was written by Robert Hadgraft and copies are available at 10p plus S.A.E. from us.

Whilst discussing photo-copies, Alan Porter of Hornchurch, Essex sent an interesting copy of a page out of classy New York magazine "Forbes" of 22nd April 1985. Whilst not being anything special, it is most unusual for an article of this nature (all about Laser and Caroline) to appear in this classy financial magazine. (Copies at 10p plus S.A.E. if required).

Finally with Caroline, the International Waters Radio Group(IWRG) have informed me, and indeed, sent samples, of their latest badges in blue on white and measuring 1½ inches in diameter.....
'Radio Caroline 963 and 576 metal badges with doll logo. 20p each plus S.A.E. from IWRG, BM 1763, London WC1N 3XX. Very nice they are too. Incidentally, the "doll" logo, is in fact a drawing of Louise Cary, daughter of the Nova boss Chris. She is now about sixteen years of age. The logo first emerged in the early seventies, when Chris was in charge of the Caroline office.

LASER.

I must admit to not listening to this station very much this week, but with all the action in Ireland, is it any wonder. I did notice that they went off the air on Friday morning at 0737 BST., and duly returned about 1000BST. The reason was anchor problems I believe, which is not surprising really, considering the weather. Several planned trips had to be abandoned last week. I have been asked to point out that it is an offence to supply the ships/stations with anything at all, with the exception of water and an anchor! According to the Marine Etc., Offences Act of 1967. It is not an offence to visit or even board them, although people who have boarded are likely to be grilled by the Police on return to land if caught. Trips out to the ships from the Essex coast via Albert Hood and the Kent coast via CM Movement can be arranged, and details can be obtained from us.

LAND-BASED STATIONS.

Plenty of action here this week, even in Blackpool! So, to start,
LONDON. Alan Porter in Essex reported the following heard on Easter Monday.....
Skyline Radio on 90.2mhz., with a good signal, also on 1413khz., medium wave.

London Weekend Radio on 92.5mhz., with a good signal.

Alice's Restaurant on 92.4mhz., again with a good signal, announcing Sunday, indicating that it was a tape.

Horizon Radio on 94.4mhz.

Solar Radio on 102.4mhz., with a good signal in stereo.

Numerous foreign language stations(92.7, 90.5, 104.4mhz).

News item in the Sun in the week, said that the operator of Solar Radio had been fined, but intended to continue broadcasting, which he is doing.

MANCHESTER. Only KFM are to be found here at present, on 1017khz., but further stations are expected to take to the air soon.

LIVERPOOL. Lots of action in this town. Storeton Community Radio have returned on 1026khz., with a very good signal here. Normal programmes have resumed now and it is likely to be on more than just the weekend.

Radio Merseywaves on 1242khz., and occasionally on 94.8mhz., are to be heard each Saturday and Sunday with an excellent signal all over the area.

Central Radio on 1404khz., are appearing regularly each weekend now.

Radio Active were heard last Monday on 1611khz., and the above were relaying them.

Full reports and line-ups courtesey of Tim Jackson, are available for 20p weekly, and cover all stations heard from Liverpool.

BLACKPOOL. Not the first time, but very rarely do we get a station in this town. Colleague in Southport, Phil.Hylton heard this one on Saturday(yesterday), on 104.0mhz.FM mono. It seemed to be emanating from the southerly end of the Fylde(St. Annes or Lytham), although we picked it up here, in the Northerly end(8/10 miles away). They announced that they would be commencing programmes on Saturday 21st April(Saturday is the 20th though!). Steve Jones and Chris Palmer were noted and they may well have had connections with Radio merseywaves. A phone-in was featured on several occasions, each time using a telephone box number presumably(A Liverpool trick). A local shop was plugged, The Disc Centre in Lytham. The station was noted again today and was on the air for a good spell, but did make some breaks, often announced in advance.

Business took us into the area in question, and the quality of the signal was very good, and seemed to be coming from the St. Annes on Sea area. We wish them well in this venture and offer our full support as always. (Tapes available, send tape plus SAE for 18p.)The station was last logged at 1922bst., Sunday. The name would be K 104.

THE MIDLANDS. Lots of stations to report over Easter and since and a lot of details available, but whether we have space for it all, we shall have to see.

News from this area supplied by Morris Walker and Alan Jeavons.

County Radio were noted on Sunday and Monday last, on 94.2mhz., and 1323khz., AM. with a Liverpool address!

Sounds Alternative appeared on both Sunday and Monday on 1179khz. The Sunday transmissions were disastrous with all sorts of problems including spurious signals, but Monday seemed to be a lot better.

U.K. Radio/Subway Sound/Black Country Sound appeared as a combined station on Monday last from 1000 until 2015 BST, on 103.5 and 102.5mhz FM.

County Radio c/o 4 Glencairn Road, Old Swan, Liverpool L13 2AL.

U.K. Radio etc., P.O. Box 143, Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

Sounds Alternative, Dept. 255, 190 Monument Road, Edgebaston, Birmingham, B16 8UU.

OTHER AREAS. Radio Reflex, the disco station for east Berkshire went bankrupt some weeks ago, following hefty fines and confiscation of broadcasting equipment.

Correction time. E.S.T. do not broadcast from Wolverhampton as indicated in a previous issue, but from somewhere South of Birmingham, sorry about that.

NOTTINGHAM. Two main stations in this area have been Sherwood Forest Radio on 102.5mhz., and The Wireless Company on 97.5mhz. The latter had some problems with harmonics on 30th March., and it is understood that the station could be calling itself Pulsar or Quasar or even WKNG. Their address is P.O. Box 74 in Lincoln. Further details are awaited on these two. Thanks to Ian Brown and Stuart Hardy for info.

HERTS. Radio Neptune was logged on 1575khz., by Stuart Turner in Bedford, on Sunday last.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS. Logs for Easter Monday.

Appalling conditions on both days here, when are things going to improve? Our thanks for the Easter Monday log to Podney and Glen Hocking, both in Cornwall, where things seem better.

6200khz...CHANNEL RADIO at 1030gmt.

6207khz...RADIO APOLLO at 1119gmt.

6240khz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO at 1046 & 1032gmt.

6240khz...RADIO PLUTO at 1112 and 1126gmt.

6240khz...RADIO APOLLO at 1252gmt.

6260khz...UNID at 0922gmt., with an address in Camborne! (Radio Polygon maybe?)

7308/15khz. UNID., at 1123gmt., playing track of "Flashback '67" L.P.

SUNDAY 14th APRIL 1985.

6200khz...RADIO FALCON at 0843 and 0915gmt.

6200khz...RADIO R.I.D. ICULOUS, at 1035 and 1040gmt.

6220khz...UNID., in Dutch at 1113 and 1040gmt.

6232khz...UNID., at 0923gmt.

6239khz...UNID., at 0828gmt., playing rock music.

6240khz...KBSJ, at 0930 and 1003gmt.

6275khz...UNID., at 0852gmt.(was this Ridiculous too?)

6280khz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT. at 1100gmt.(logged very briefly in Scotland and Blackpool).

6290khz...UNID., at 0849gmt.

6306khz...UNID., at 1342gmt., with test transmissions.

6480khz...UNID., at 1000gmt., in Dutch.(Bluebird?).

6910khz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 0839gmt.

7317khz...FUTURE WORLD RADIO, at 0937gmt.

7339khz...RADIO WAVES INT., 1020gmt.

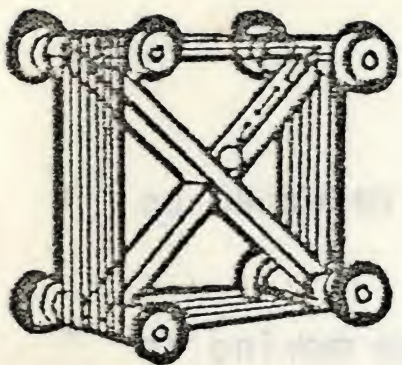
7350khz...UNID., at 1040gmt.(Nova 4).

7355khz...RADIO BATIDA, at 0942gmt.

7385khz...UNID., at 1000gmt.

6207khz...RADIO DELMARE, at 1459gmt.

Finally, we are no longer logging Cuban clandestine stations nor Italian short-wave stations, as they are always on. We shall in future feature the Italian ones in a separate article courtesy of Roger Kirk and Dario Monferini. The Italian stations in question are Radio Victoria(actualy German, but broadcasting via Radio Milano Int.) Radio Time, Radio Spoleto Int.,



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WEEKLY REPORT

P.O. BOX 539
BLACKPOOL

No. 51 21st April 1985.

Lots of letters again this week, some with interesting newspaper cuttings, for which we thank you, as usual. The postal strike hit us a bit towards the weekend, so some delays in returned mail seem unavoidable, although, having said that, the strike now appears to be over, thankfully. The D.T.I. have been active again this week, particularly in our area, but more of that later in the report.

NOVA.

No problems noted this week at all, either on the transmission side or the presenter side. As expected, the big competition entitled "what did Bob Gallico say?" commenced during the week. Advertising is very heavy for this, and people are urged to get a sheet from their Opel car dealer or by sending to the station for one, or by cutting one out of their newspaper. We hope to re-print a copy of this, on which people may indeed enter the competition, in the very near future. No dates have been mentioned, so the competition is expected to run for quite some time. Regarding the large poster boards in Blackpool, advertising the above, the local newspaper, the West Lancashire "Evening Gazette", in their 20th April edition, carried a piece headed, "A station that's taking over...?" and described the poster boards, noted their sitings and went on to describe how to enter the competition. It also stated that Nova broadcast with quite high power and that the station could be heard far and wide in the U.K. It said that Red Rose Radio (the local ILR station for this area), was very angry about the existence of the station, but also that Nova had not affected their listening figures, and did not even feature in a recent survey carried out by the station. If this is the case, then why complain to the Government about them, I wonder.

The latest thing at Nova....."The Nova Boutique", opening tomorrow at 144 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin, home of the 'Dublin Today' programme studios. Heavy advertising noted in the week, including sung promos from Tony Allan.

Early news bulletins from Monday were classed as "Breakfast Time News" by Bob Gallico. The main lunch-time bulletin is about to be split in two, with adverts slotted in the middle. This spot was advertised as being free, several times in the week.

Nova stalwart and presenter on many of Dublin's better stations, albeit only part-time, Hugh O'Brien has left. He has not joined any other station at the present time, but this suggestion has not been ruled out. Hugh rates as one of Dublin's best presenters and he was always a credit to any of the stations he worked for. He will be missed by many at Nova.

The original Radio Nova Roadshow is shortly expected back on the road, complete with the presenters who actually work on Nova. Peter Madison and Bob Gallico are in line for the first of these, on 25th May in Inchicore, for the National Youth Year project.

Several Nova presenters are currently doing six or even seven days on the air, per week, and it seems that another weekend ^{PRESIDENT} could be departing, which would put even more pressure on the weekday staff.

Copies of the article mentioned above are available for the usual 10p plus SAE., from us of course, not Nova.

Q 102. Chris Barry now appears to have left the station, someone said he may join the TV once again, I understand he was there before. The present line-up on this station now looks like this.. 6am., Scott Williams, 11am., Jason Maine, 3pm., Gerry Stevens (new man), 7pm., John Kenny, and mid-night, Roland Burke. Superb FM conditions again, in the week, made FM stereo Q102 very easy to receive here in Blackpool.

The station are rumoured to be commencing an "eye in the sky" spot, three times daily, similar to Capital Radio in London. A light aircraft or helicopter over the city reports on trouble spots like traffic hold-ups. More details on this one to follow.

Sunshine Radio. The station raised in excess of IR£33,000.00 in aid of the Central Remedial Clinic, with their recent "Auction on the air".

Cathy Cregan was conspicuous by her absence on Wednesday last, but duly returned on Thursday. Apparently, she had been ill.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS.

Boyneside Radio, with a relay in Dublin, on 11116khz., then moving to 1224khz., have now moved to 1332khz. This was noted towards the latter end of the week. It is not the first time that this station has used this frequency for a Dublin relay.

Breffni Radio from Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan, thought to have closed down, re-appeared in the week on their same frequency of 1170khz.

Radio Annabel, not heard this week at all, on 1323khz., are on FM it would seem, on 92 mhz. Their present location still remains a mystery.

A station logged here, relaying Q 102 with appalling modulation, on 1449khz. on Saturday and Sunday, could have been Caroline Dublin.

Another station doing the same thing, on 1512khz., Saturday and the weekend previously, could have been Radio Galaxy, according to Comet magazine.

Finally, Wicklow Community Radio are now coming into the U.K. loud and clear with superb modulation(albeit with a bit of band splatter), according to numerous letters in during the week. The station moved to this channel from the 1512khz., one, and were quite poor at first, modulation-wise, that is. The problems are now over it would seem, listening to the strong clear signal.

Finally, again, station partner of ABC Radio in Waterford, and transmitter engineer, Andy Ellis was noted doing the James Day spot in the week. The latter being on holiday in the U.K. at present.

A report, written exclusively for Offshore Echos and Weekly Report, by Rob Chapman of Northampton, is now at hand, following a trip around a number of stations in Ireland recently. In view of the fact that some of the information contained within would already have been covered in this WR, only items not covered have been reprinted from the report. However a full report will no doubt appear in the next copy of Offshore Echos Magazine, No 57, due in print in June.

On arrival in Rosslare, travelled to Wexford and heard Horizon on 99FM, "broadcasting to the South east"(of Ireland, obviously). The following D.J.'s were noted....Vincent Kelly, Alan McGuire and Paul Rolly. The station went off at midnight on 4th April and were duly heard, once again, next day at about 8.30am. Also heard were Community Radio Wexford.

Friday 5th, Good Friday, Arklow Community Radio were off for the day, Wicklow Community Radio carried no adverts this day, as a gesture.

Sunday, I.C.B.S., logged only on FM., as was Radio Annabel, on 92.4mhz. Nova splattered on FM very badly, right up to 108mhz. Dublin Community Radio, on 102mhz., are also on 93.87mhz., for Dublin City, and hope to go stereo soon.

Wednesday, and down in Waterford, visiting all three stations there, ABC., Waterford Local Radio and Suirside Radio. The latter, the smallest and friendliest of the three, had the following line-up.....7am., Good Morning, with Sohail Kahn, 10am., Bob Hueston, mid-day, Dinner Spinner with Eddie Coady, 3pm., Afternoon Delight with Seamus Searson, 5.30pm., Tea-time with John Sauvage, 7pm., Romance with Buddy Stewart, 9pm., Night-time with Michael Grant, 11pm. Night-shift with Stepen D., close-down at 2.am.

And, finally, Waterford Local Radio schedule.... 6.30am., Paul Power, 9am., Rick Wheelan, 11am., Dermot Graham, mid-day, Martin Hart, 2pm., Geoff Harris, 4pm., Tommy O'Keefe, 6pm., Tony Wheldon, 7pm., various specialist programmes, 8pm., Ronan McCarthy, 11pm., Colin Kennedy, close down at 2am.

That is it from Rob, he plans a further trip later in the year, covering Cork, Limerick, Galway and the Dublin stations he missed.

Finally in Ireland, The Irish Press of Friday 12th April feature as their main headline "Anger in labour, at new move in radio" and go on to say that a new division opened up last night between Fine Gael and Labour(the co-alition in power) on the future of local radio over the absence of any trade union representative on the interim Local Radio Commission announced the previous day by the Minister of Communications, Mr Mitchell. Looking at the list of people on the commission, which included singer, Chris de Burgh, there were no independent station representatives or pre-senters. The Government really do seem at sixes and sevens over this issue.

A new news-sheet called "Comet" has emerged in Dublin, it covers mainly the Irish stations and costs just 20p plus Irish SAE., and is available from 6 Mountjoy Parade, N.C.R. Dublin

Really finally, Nova appear to be having a few problems with the changeover of transmitters, from the 50 to the 10 and vice-versa. Several times the change has had to be aborted and the original transmitter put back on. Other times the station has gone off for a brief period.

CAROLINE.

Simon Barrett has now gone off again and his spot is being filled by the others, who are having to double up. Tom Anderson was noted during the week, doing the 2 till 6 spot. This was only temporary, and he has now gone off again, but is expected to return on a regular basis very shortly. Some breaks in transmission were noted during the week, notably on Wednesday afternoon, when both signals vanished for a spell, and Saturday night, when 963khz., was having problem. John Lewis is expected back in about two weeks, some time after the May day Bank Holiday.

LASER.

David Lee Stone has been heard on Radio Luxembourg each night in the week, so we can now safely assume that he has left this station. Holly Michaels and ex-captain Tim Levansaler are getting married in June, and neither are expected back on the ship. Charlie Wolfe is on holiday in the United States, but he is expected back on the ship.

It seems to have been a very quiet week on the sea front. "Splinter Beach" has re-opened again, we understand, as well as the "Bilge Club", which I am reliably informed, can be highly recommended. Just re-capping for a moment, Chris Pearson of Radio Caroline is quite young and came from Radio Thamesmead in London. New presenter expected on Caroline in week, direct from Eire.

THE VOICE OF PEACE.

This station, still without a transmitter engineer, since John Burnell left on 9th April, has the following presenters still on board.....Dave Asher, Daavid Fortune, Paul Rogers, Mark Edwards, Grant Goddard and Chris Taylor.

The 1st April brought the usual rash of jokes. Someone went on the air as Bert Williams, well-known Liverpool stalwart. Another went on the air saying that a tug had come alongside and was cutting the anchor chain. The latter joke did not please Abie, needless to say, as TV and Radio apparently went out. He was very angry and nearly sacked the culprits.

New girl, Sally Cahm, should now be out there, and it is rumoured that John Dwyer could be returning.

Land-based stations.

Manchester. KFM Radio was raided by the usual team on Friday morning apparently and have not been heard since. It is thought that it could be the end for them. No more details are available at the time of writing this report.

Another station in Manchester, or nearby, at least, is RNI 105, although not heard at this QTH., on about 105mhz FM. This station went off at the time of the KFM raid, and as far as we know, has not been on since.

BLACKPOOL. K 104, mentioned last week, as testing over the weekend, attracted some press reports during the week in the Blackpool "Evening Gazette" 'Pirate Radio Set For Fyide' said one headline and outlined the details of the stations plans. The following day saw the headline. 'Illegal station not a pirate', and went on to say that the station would be applying for a community radio license. The following day(Saturday) saw the headline.. 'Pirate radio station sinks for time being' , and went on to say that due to the fact that the DTI were in the area, the station was not going on the air as planned on the Saturday. This, in fact, was a true statement, as Saturday remained silent on 104mhz. But Sunday came, and the station appeared during the afternoon, from a new location in Lytham, with normal programmes, announcing full programmes next Saturday. We now await these, once again.

LIVERPOOL. Radio Merseywaves, on 1242khz., Central Radio on 1404khz., Storeton Community Radio on 1026khz., and KISS FM on 102.9mhz., have all been logged this past weekend.

LONDON. Ian Kelly of Reading reports....SOLAR Radio(The Sound Of London's Alternative Radio) is on 102.45mhz., in stereo, announcing 102.5 with a jazz, funk, soul, electro, reggae format. The station's address is....Unit 1, 8 - 20 Wells Street, London E.9. A recent IBA audience research report quotes SOLAR to be "a serious threat to Capital Radio's weekend audience figures." A promo on SOLAR for their advertisement rates, quotes them to have a total weekend audience of 1.5 million, 'twice that of its nearest rival'. The station also says that it has an audience of 800,000 on a Sunday afternoon.

Horizon Radio, on 94.5mhz., with a similar format to the above station, in stereo, re-appeared in January 1985 following the major raids and the setting up of splinter station SOLAR. As with the latter station, the quality is very good. The station can be reached at 2 Lexington Street, London W.1.

London Weekend Radio, formerly South London Radio, are the other 7 day a week station, on 92.05mhz. The format is similar to the above two, but the quality often leaves a little to be desired. This station's address is 265 Dunkerry Road, London SE9 4HW.

London Greek Radio are on 7 days a week, on 104.05mhz. in Greek, with occasional English announcements.

Skyline Radio continue on 1413khz., 7 days a week for east London.

South East Sounds are heard every Sunday on 1188khz., with a good signal. The "Tender Trip" programme is recommended for enthusiasts, and features free radio news interspersed with rock music.

Radio Neptune on 1575khz., has been logged in Hertfordshire each Sunday.

STAFFORD. A local FM pirate, Radio WX, has commenced broadcasts from a disused car showroom on 106.8mhz. FM with 50watts each Saturday, since April 6th. They are very open about their location and invite people to drop in with requests. Their address is c/o Walton Village Stores, Walton on the Hill, Stafford. Report from S. Geraghty.

GUERNSEY. A company in Jersey has been formed called Normandy Sound to broadcast commercial radio from The Normandy coast to the Channel Islands, on FM, in English. They hope to start by the Summer reports Ray Urquhart.

Martin Scholes of Telford, kindly sent the cutting re-produced below from last Tuesday's Guardian. It just shows the low level that the authorities have stooped to, in their bid to combat the pirates. I feel so incensed by this article I have copied it in full. Credit to the Guardian for printing it.

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS. The abysmal conditions continue on short wave, with long skip and poor propagation, even Cornwall is suffering now. The station on Easter Sunday on 6300khz., was either Radio Dutch Voice or Radio TestVoice with an address of P.O., Box 87, 7710AB, Nieuwleusen, Holland, reports Mike Barraclough of Letchworth, herts.

SHORT-WAVE LOG FOR SUNDAY 21st APRIL 1985.

6202khz...UNID., in Dutch, at 0916gmt.
6206khz...F.R.S. Holland, at 1020 and 1138gmt.
6225khz...UNID., at 0852 and 0911gmt.
6225khz...Radio Tonair Int., at 1016gmt.
6240khz...W.M.R., at 1108gmt.
6280khz...Westside Radio Int., at 0948gmt., very briefly.
6540khz...UNID., at 0915gmt.
7310khz...Radio Bavaria, at 0830gmt.
7322khz...UNID., (Radio Batida?), at 1158gmt.
7330khz...Radio Atlantique 2000 Int., at 0822 and 0837gmt.
7345khz...Radio Waves Int., at 0944gmt.
7384khz...UNID., at 0930gmt.
7445khz...UNID., (possibly Radio 101), at 0845gmt.

JOIN a radio station and grass on your colleagues. Notices are going up in commercial stations from the Association of Independent Radio Contractors appealing for staff to help out Department of Trade investigators identify the personnel of pirate stations. "It seems fairly clear that all the personnel at Laser are Americans," which runs the notice, "but... the voices on Caroline appear to be British. Do you recognise any of these voices?" Those able to supply "genuine names and any background" should contact the AIRC.

Alan Rusbridger

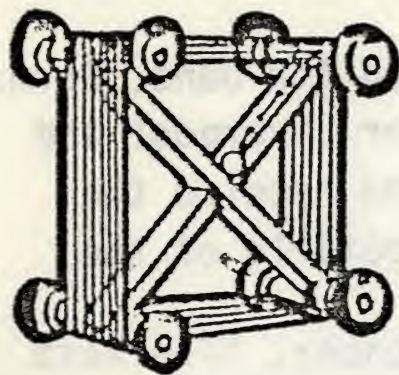
Guardian, Tue. 16th April 1985.

today's meagre reports came from Ken Baird (Scotland), Sandy Mountain (Blackpool) and Glenn Hocking in Cornwall.

Sandy Mountain reports WRNO on 15420khz., Sunday evening until 2300hrs bst., and on 11890khz., thereafter, with good reception, particularly the latter.

Paul Graham of Leicester reports that he has a shortwave transmitter for sale, for details write to AUK in the first instance.

Finally, an article on the Cavan Radio Scene in Ireland, has had to be held over till next week, due to lack of space.



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WEEKLY REPORT

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No. 52 28th April 1985.

It appears that very few people received last week's WR. The reason for this was, despite us being on time with the printing, the postal people were staging lightning strikes, and the areas worst hit were Blackpool and next door neighbours, Preston, hence mail was very delayed getting out of Blackpool, and also getting in, resulting in still further delays with the despatch of merchandise. We understand that the strikes are now over, and things should be back to normal in a day or two. If anyone fails to receive WR 51, drop us a line and we will include a further copy with the following week's WR.

We are experiencing problems in including all items of news in each week's report, due to the fact that we are receiving so much interesting news. There appears to be three ways to solve this problem....either, we make WR bigger, but this will increase the price, or send it out every two weeks, in its bigger form, saving a week's postage, or, and this way I favour and intend to do, include all the news every few weeks, including features sent in etc., and have a thicker version, and to pay for this, include a list of latest additions to our merchandise list, and hope that people will buy one or two items from this new list, hence avoiding having to charge any extra at all for the report.

So, using the latter system, off we go.....Offshore Echos Magazine, the latest issue, No. 56, is now in stock, price is, as always, £1.60. We have the French version in stock as well. Monitor No. 30 is due any day and will be the last one till the Autumn, send 60p., now in order to obtain your copy without delay, on publication. FRM Magazine, No. 4/5, April/May (£1.60), is now available, and is packed with free radio news, quite a lot in English, and many good photographs. Wavelength, No.3, now in stock. at 50p. The printing of this magazine is greatly improved now, and is highly recommended. Offshore Radio book, by Gerry Bishop and Caroline 2, A Story in Photos book, are once again, back in stock, after some problems. They each cost £6.00 and are well worth getting. A new mini poster in colour, Monique, at 50p., is an addition to the others already in stock (Laser, Caroline, Mi Amigo, Caroline Studios). **LASER 558** T-shirts at £5.00 and Sweat-shirts at £8.50, and **CAROLINE** T-shirts at £5.00 are good buys, and feature both stations very colourful logos. All these items are in stock, together with the other items on our sales list (Spring 1985). Extra sales will help subsidise this thicker issue.

NOVA. It's all action again here, this week.....another station is born.....There were two clues in the week.....On Tuesday, following all news bulletins, the following was heard..... 'from the wires of the Press Association, this is Nova International news'. This statement has been noted on all subsequent bulletins. On Thursday, 'Dublin Today' was moved from its 102.7mhz., only frequency, to 103.5mhz. This was announced several times. Ordinary Nova was heard on 738khz., 102.7mhz., and 103.2mhz. A continuous loop tape has been heard since on this frequency, announcing, Magic 103, and it is understood that the station will commence at 9.00am., tomorrow and feature Bob Gallico in the morning, and Mark Weller in the afternoon, and the format will be light music and plenty of news. The studios for Magic are in Upper Leeson Street, where 'Dublin Today' is produced, and all news bulletins for the station and for Nova, will come from these studios, and be known as 'ABC Network News'. The station will close at 6.00pm. It is not yet known whether Dublin Today presenters, Shane McGowan, Jenny McIvor and Linda Conway will be involved in the project, but it is thought they will. The station can be received here on FM, despite fairly low FM power being used. An AM service is not planned as yet.

The Nova boutique is situated at the Leeson Street site, and is now open, selling Nova memorabilia.

Rick Dees has gone daily.....He can now be heard each weekday, between 9.00am and 10.00am., in place of Steve Gordon. The latter featured plenty of oldies in this show, similar to Peter Madison in his highly popular weekend shows. The Rick Dees Top Forty Show is still heard each Saturday between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Finally, the Nova Opel car competition hots up to its crescendo on 4th June. Forms to enter same can be obtained from Opel dealers in Dublin, from Nova in Dublin or Liverpool and one is included in with this report. Everyone can enter, and we suggest those who receive the WR, and are in the Nova listening area, do so, on the enclosed form. All other details of the competition are included on the form.

Further reports about Nova continue to appear in our local newspaper, "The West Lancashire Evening Gazette", and copies of same can be obtained from us for 10p plus SAE.

An ILR(IBA) station, Gwent Broadcasting has gone off the air this week, due to bankruptcy, but it is thought that bad management/incredibly high IBA overheads were the cause of this, rather than Nova or other Irish independent stations taking away their listeners(Gwent is just within the Nova listening area).

Q 102. This station has been received on FM in stereo rather well this week here, and if anyone would like a superb quality recording, just send a blank C.90 cassette(without its box!) plus an SAE for 17p(24p, if you insist on sending the box), and a copy will be forwarded at high speed. Contrary to what was said in this column last week, Chris Barry has not left, but merely changed slots, and the line-up now reads as follows.....1.00 - 7.00am., John Kenny, 7.00 - 11.00am., Scott Williams, 11.00 - 3.00pm., Jason Maine, 3.00 - 8.00pm., Jerry Stevens, 8.00 - 1.00am., Chris Barry. Roland Burke is thought to be doing production only.

Nothing more has been noted about the 'Eye in the sky' project, as yet.

SUNSHINE RADIO.

Not a great lot to report here, except that to say Andy Rua has not gone to the United States working, as reported earlier. Visa problems have prevented this, but he is still hoping to go some time.

RADIO DUBLIN.

I have been asked to print transmission powers of this station, as it appears that someone has been giving out incorrect information.

Medium Wave.....1188khz., is operating with a power of 5 kw.

F.M.....98.8mhz., is operating with a power of 100 watts.

Short wave....6910khz., is operating with a power of 1 kw.

The address, if anyone would like to send in a reception report, is.....

Radio Dublin, 58 Inchicore Road, Dublin 8, Eire.

RADIO NA nGAEL.

Operating on 1350khz., AM., and 92.2mhz., FM, the station hope to be back on short wave soon, on 6340khz. A reception report received recently at the station, came from Bristol, Connecticut, U.S.A. Samuel L.Barto there, received them on 11th February 1985, on 6341.1 khz., at 0530gmt.

HOMETOWN RADIO.

Broadcasting from Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan, this station commenced on Easter Sunday at 11.00am., on 981khz., 98.6mhz., locally, broadcasting daily from 9.0am till 6.00pm. Fat Sam seems to be the star of the station, and a letter is expected shortly from him. He was previously with the other station in the same town, Big 'M' Community Radio.

COMMUNITY RADIO FINGAL.

This station are considering getting rid of the medium wave transmitter and going FM only, despite strong objections from their D.J.'s. They broadcast on 1575khz., from Loughshinney, Co, Dublin.

RADIO CAROUSEL.

The Northern Ireland relay of this station, with its transmitter site at Jonesboro, Co. Louth, had a few problems with its crystal recently, causing it to operate off channel. This has now been attended to reports Kieran Murray of Carousel Navan. The signal on 1071khz., still has a bit of a hum with it though, maybe it is still a few hertz off channel.

BOYNESIDE RADIO.

The Dublin relay of this station has now been moved to 1332khz., from 1116khz., then 1224khz. This was to avoid interference to Radio Carousel on 1125khz.

RADIO LUIMNI.

This station from Limerick can be received in Navan, nightly, reports Kieran, despite Carousel nearby, on the same channel(1125khz.). The station are reported to use about 500 watts of power.

ABC RADIO.

This station operates from new studios in Arundel Square, Waterford city centre, and occupies three floors above a shop.

The Waterford Post of 8th January 1985 carried a large spread about the station and its move into Waterford City. Copies, 10p. plus SAE., as usual.

From the studios, they transmit on FM to the city and to the AM site in Tramore. with about 150 watts, no higher due to the usual city centre interference problems. The AM signal is then processed by a system similar to Optimod before going out over the airwaves.

Recent promotions have included 'ABC's All Time Top 100' where listeners were asked to submit their favourite ten records, with a chance of winning a stereo rack system.

Starting soon, in conjunction with 'Burger Garden' will be a £50 daily cash giveaway competition.

Latest recruit to the successful ABC team, is Russell Padmore from Radio Thamesmead in London. He will replace James Day, who leaves any day, to join Caroline. This was mentioned in last week's WR.

ABC's shortwave transmitter has been off lately, but is expected back on soon, on the same channel as before, 7350khz., as this channel seemed the best one, with reports coming in from all over Europe.

THE CAVAN RADIO EXPLOSION. by Sean Brady.....continued...

CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO.

On Thursday 4th April 1985, the station began broadcasting a special promotional tape, concerning the £2000 Holiday and Prizes Giveaway, which is taking place over April, May, June and July.

On the tape, are segments of the following four singles.....

1. Lucky Numbers; "You Must Be Joking".
2. Sandy Kelly; "Baby Don't Go".
3. Pat Woods; "My Own Native Land".
4. Ann Breen; "Breakaway".

These four records will be played in the above order, only once, between now and 26th April 1985. On hearing the last beat of the last record, listeners must telephone CCR immediately on 049 32747.

The tenth caller to CCR will be the winner of the Holiday for two in Spain. The competition is similar to one organised by the station last year.

On Thursday 11th April, at around 8.00am., the FM tuner at the transmitter site, about a mile from Cavan town, which picks up the 98.1mhz., signal link from the studios at the Musicland shop drifted off channel. The station was returned to its correct frequency at about 9.40am., but proceeded to drift again, and it was not till 11.28am., that the station was back on the correct frequency.

ERNESIDE RADIO.

On Thursday evening 11th April, the station went off the air completely and was not heard again till the Saturday afternoon at around 3.40pm. , playing continuous music. No reason for this break is known at all.

BREFFNI RADIO.

This station has not closed down, as reported earlier, but it's disappearance in recent weeks has been due mainly to technical problems, which seem to be sorted out now, in fact, the station is advertising for new disc-jockeys and sales representatives. They are currently broadcasting on 1170khz., but tests on 99mhz. FM have been noted locally.

MIDLAND RADIO.

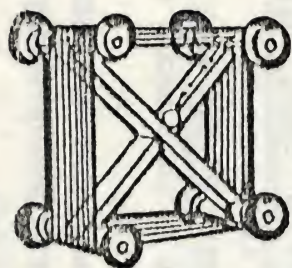
As regards this station, they have definitely closed down, due possibly to financial problems. The equipment is rumoured to have been bought by Breffni and Erneside Radios.

THE VOICE OF PEACE.

Chris Taylor has now left the ship, and is back in this country. His place has been taken by the new girl Sally Cahm, who incidentally is not the first girl on the VOP, remember Tara Jeffries, now with an ILR station? The station are still without a transmitter engineer, and the t/x is being looked after by a Chinese crewman, who cannot speak English! We have now acquired five C.90 cassette recordings, made recently aboard the VOP. If anyone wants one of these high quality recordings off FM, they cost £2.00 each, or, own tape and £1.00.

CAROLINE.

Dave Richards was noted doing breakfast and 6.00 till 10.00pm slots in the week. Peter Philips and Fiona Jeffries are both now off, and their places have been taken by Fergie McNiel and new man Brian Marshall. James Day, as reported earlier should be going to the ship shortly, to replace Nich Richards.



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Long term logs from Albert E. Ford of Devon report a Rex Barker on Saturday 13th April between 2.00 and 4.00am. This is probably a member of the crew using a different name.

Ronnie Simmons of Filey reports hearing Stan Haag Jukebox Show last week but one. Only the odd break in transmission have been noted unlike their poor neighbours.

LASER.

What can we say? They went off the air last Tuesday between 4.00pm and 5.00pm, in very rough weather conditions. All the usual problems have been mentioned, aerial etc. They have not yet re-appeared and the weather has not improved that much either, allowing repairs to be carried out.

Two new adverts had been noted, an advert for a new single and one for student travel to Tunisia.

Members of the Communicator club have received lavish circulars this week, advertising rather expensive trips out to Laser (and Caroline) and a Music Weekend in Norfolk over the May Day Bank Holiday (although they called it the Spring Bank Holiday). On making further enquiries by telephone, to the number shown on the circular, we were informed that they would come back to us over this matter, but nothing further has been heard.

According to Press Release from Jane Norris Co., in New York.....

After a long Winter, the M.V. Communicator is ready for Spring. The weather is clearing and soon, Laser will be one year old. The celebration date is Friday 24th May 1985, and we expect to commemorate the occasion on land and sea.

Personel changes... After one year, David Lee Stone is opting for terra ferma, and a green card... You'll be listening to David on Radio Luxembourg. He was part of the original crew that signed Laser 558 on the air, and he became Laser's programme director in November 1984.

Stay tuned for a new personality to join the Laser air staff from the States. Audition tapes are pouring into Laser's Madison Avenue offices. Who will be the next personality? Stay tuned.

The fearless Charlie Wolf is on a four week holiday to Los Angeles, Utah, and points West of the Rockies. Back on board the Communicator, Tommy Rivers, Ric Harris and the Laserettes, Chris Carson, Erin Kelly and Liz West are entertaining the Laser fans.... along with an upcoming guest DJ, Michael Dean.

Erin has taken some candid shots of the crew.... and Splinter Beach, the sun deck aboard the Communicator opens soon for business. I can smell the sun tan oil from here.

DJ Holly Michaels is reportedly engaged to be married to ex-Communicator Captain, Tim Levansaler.

Listen for a new interview programme on Laser soon.... and a new voice on the radio.

Jane Norris Co., 363 Forest Avenue, Rye, New York 10580.

LAND-BASED STATIONS.

Manchester. RNI 105 is the only station reported to be on the air in this city, although not heard here.

Liverpool. It is not thought that DTI raids had taken place this week, but things certainly were not normal this weekend. Radio Merseywaves were broadcasting on 1247khz., off channel, with a dreadful signal, and announcing 1233khz. The previous weekends have heard this station with a superb signal on 1242khz.

Storeton Community Radio were not on at all, neither were Central Radio, although it was known that both these stations were having transmitter problems recently.

KISS FM. on 103.0mhz., was noted today after lunch, with an excellent signal. The station will have to move from here, as Picadilly Radio are currently testing in the week on 103.0mhz., although another relay is necessary bewilders me.

Blackpool. K. 104, as promised last weekend, emerged on the air at 8.00am Saturday, and proceeded to broadcast all day Saturday, and Sunday as well. The local paper, "The Evening Gazette" gave the station lots of publicity in the week, and I am sure many people tuned to them at some time or other. Copies of all the articles are available for 10p., plus SAE.

Stafford. Radio WX on 106mhz., FM continue with a loop ID tape in the week (last but one) reports S. Gerachty. On the Wednesday, whilst a new aerial was being erected on the roof of the dis-used car show-room, four police cars turned up, someone having reported burglars trying to break in.

After inspecting the studios and antenna, and believing that the aerial was a tv one, and the studio was a tape mixing studio, they left. Saturday schedule is as follows.....Mid-day, Chris Lovell, 2.00pm., General Dogs Body, 3.00pm., David Scott, 4.00pm., The Story of Motown, 4.30pm till 5.00pm., "Doing it to the music". WX have sun-strips available for just return postage, c/o Walton Village Stores, Walton on the Hill, Stafford.

Radio Black Star have been reported testing from Penkridge, Nr. Stafford, on 105mhz. FM.

Plymouth. Glenn Hocking reports that Radio Sound City were heard on 105.7mhz FM mono last Sunday from Plymouth, from 7.00pm., till 11.00pm.

Hertforshire. Radio Neptune, with an address of 9 Concorde Drive, Hemel Hemstead in Herts. are logged each weekend on 1575khz. D.J.'s heard are Dave Rodgers, Paul Latham, Bob Stone and Matt Black.

In the same area, Radio Fiona have been heard on 1584khz., the station has been heard off and on for two years or so.

North London. Renegade Radio heard on 1404khz. reports M. Baraclough.

London. Seven pirates were raided by the DTI here last Friday but one, according to an article in Daily Express of 20th April. No stations were named, but it is thought they were the usual ones, and that they have all returned to the airwaves once again.

And now for something completely different TOPIX that's right! Remember 'Spectrum' in Airspec News(it's him again!)

Hi! Welcome to a monthly spot, I'll be doing in WR, covering news from the Southern and Eastern parts of the U.K., and hopefully some other relevant radio topics. Your contribution would be most appreciated, and if there is an interest, I will repeat some of the technical features from Airspec News.....Steve West, 32 Victoria Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

LONDON NEWS.

Following RADIO JACKIE'S spectacular close-down, things have been fairly quiet news-wise in the capital. Most stations have now learnt to cope with the raids from the DTI, mainly general, but sometimes directed against specific stations :-

ASIAN PEOPLES RADIO have lost seven transmitters and six studios in raids during the past six weeks, despite which, they still maintain their seven day format.

A new station on in South West London is KJAZZ on 94mhz., from Sutton. t/x power is about 25watts, and the format is, of course, jazz. Broadcast times are Sundays 12.00 till 8.00pm.

Another recent addition is RADIO CONTACT on 102.9mhz. FM, Mondays, 8.00pm till mid-night, with a soul, jazz and funk format. Broadcast area not known.

SOLAR RADIO held an all day disco on Bank Holiday Monday from noon until late at night. A lot of the event was broadcast live on the station, although there was some interference from RADIO HORIZON'S link.

Rock station ALICES RESTAURANT are hoping to return to the air soon, provided that they can find a suitable location for their studio. Companion station, PHOENIX RADIO have also stated their intention of returning to the airwaves once their transmission equipment has been finished. Alices managed a test broadcast on Bank Holiday Monday, for the whole day, re-playing old programmes, with intermittent announcements.

ACROSS THE CHANNELS: FRENCH 'FREE' RADIO AND TV.

When President Mitterand was elected back in 1981, he pledged to legalise many of the country's pirate stations and open up Band 2 to private radio stations. Now, four years later, there are about 1500 stations on the air, and any semblance of band-planning has disappeared. Many stations have moved off their allocated frequencies to find a clearer place on the band, or have increased power up to a hundred times the permitted limit of 200 watts. Raids against unlicensed or other stations breaking the terms of their license, seem to be non-existent, and now there are plans afoot to bring in TV stations.

This latest development has raised a few questions on both sides of the channel: the existing Pay-TV company, Canal Plus, have failed to perform as hoped, and subscriptions are way below their predictions. As a result, the company have requested that they be allowed to accept advertising and reduce the number of PTV hours. - a step which may well lead to their becoming France's fourth TV channel - and the question now is, whether an opening of the TV bands to private stations would be as popular a move as that with the radio, or whether TV broadcasting would degenerate into a similar free for all. In the U.K., the problem is interference: French TV operates on UHF and Band 3 - the former ITV Band - and should TV go the same way as radio has done, then the new users of Band 3 - mainly private mobile radio networks, can expect considerable interference from these sources.

By way of contrast, the first UK 'free' local radio stations should be given the go-ahead by the end of the year. These will probably be limited to about 50 watts or so on FM, and with strict technical standards and regular checks from the relevant authority. Already most U.K. pirates have applied for licenses, and a number have closed down or put off plans to return to the air until they are hopefully given a license.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS. Still worse conditions prevail on this band and the list of stations received seems to get smaller and smaller. Glenn Hocking(Cornwall), Ian Biggar(Kilbirnie), Ken Baird(Ayr) are today's loggers, as we could hardly get a thing.

6200khz... Falcon Radio at 1030gmt.

6204khz... UNID., at 0900gmt., with trumpet music.

6206khz... Radio Delmare relaying Radio Rastafari and F.R.S. Holland.

6225khz... UNID.,(Dutch), at 0902gmt.

6230khz... Britain Radio Int., at 0850gmt.

6240khz... UNID., (Dutch) at 1000gmt.

6300khz... Channel Radio at 0934gmt.

6305khz... Radio Dutch Boy(or maybe Voice), at 0935gmt.

7310khz... Radio Bavaria at 0852gmt., with last programme???

7315khz... Radio Batida at 0829gmt.

7340khz... Radio Waves/Radio Pacific Int., at 1018gmt.

7348khz... Radio Nova 4, at 0834gmt.

7354khz... Radio Bigitte at 0830gmt.

And finally, news from Italy, from Dave Windsor, currently at Radio Sovereign International. He tells us that only himself and Paul James(ex VOP) are now left at the station, Owner John Kenning is about to leave, as he has sold the station to an Australian consortium. They intend to call it "Riviera 104". Stuart Clark left a couple of weeks ago, and returned to England, Grant Benson left a couple of months ago, and now works in Milan, on a national station.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

Monday morning, 9.00am., Magic 103 duly started, following some tests the previous evening. First heard on programmes was Dave Harvey who played light music, interspersed with news, info., and phone -ins. Bob Gallico took over at 10.00am., and continued in the same vein. Address for the station, given out over the air, is.....Magic 103, 144 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4.....Tel 01 606422.

So, finally, we hope you enjoy the extra reading/info this week, keep the letters coming in, with your views, your info, and any cuttings from the papers etc., and let everyone share the news. We shall be back to a normal size next week. If you want to enter the Nova car competition and don't wish to cut up the report, drop a card to Nova at Suite 411, Cooper's Building, Church St., in Liverpool, and they will send you a new one. Anyone wishing to go out to the radio ships, drop a SAE to us, and we will forward a form to fill in with all details of the trips, run by the CM Movement in London. These trips are highly recommended, reliable and very safe.